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## Prep Freshmen Show Promise Speechmen Capture Second

The St. John's Prep Speech Club participated in the semi-annual Freshman Oratory and Dramatics Contest sponsored by the Catholic Forensic League at Xavierian High School, late last year. In this contest, held to encourage forensic talent in the freshman year, the Prep came off only second best, despite strong efforts by all entrants.

## State Law Department Holds Essay Contest

The New York State Department of Law, under the direct supervision of Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, sponsors an historical essay contest.

Students qualify by writing an essay of not more than 250 words on one of the following topics: "The Effects of the 22nd Amendment on the Presidency", "Will the Direct Primaries for Public Office Widen Voter Participation in Government?", "Should Congress have more power in shaping Foreign Policy?", or "Should 18 Year Old Residents Be Granted the Right to Vote?"

All essays were submitted to senior English instructors Tuesday, February 2. The three best compositions from each class will now be subject to final judging by Mr. George McNamara, Mr. Robert Kubic and Mr. Robert Burnett of the Citizen Education Department. The best essay will be sent to Albany to represent the school.

This work is not without reward. The first prize winner will serve as Attorney General for the state for a day, receive a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond, and have all expenses paid for by the state. Other winners will serve in other state offices.

The Prep entry consisted of Paul Cannazzaro, Randy Schimmenti and Frank O'Shea. In the dramatic portion of the contest, which on this occasion was humorous interpretation, regular varsity members entered as two man teams, performing scenes from the Pulitzer Prize winning play "Teahouse of the August Moon". The teams were comprised of Terence Cooney and Bob McSherry, Fred Troike and Bob Farina, and Joe McGrath and Jim Riley.

When the final results were announced, Cannazzaro and O'Shea had placed second and third, respectively. Cooney and McSherry placed third in their division, and the Prep second, behind Mary Louis.

On January 17, the speechmen competed in the Knights of Columbus Original Oratory and Apologetic Contest held at Chaminade. Unfortunately, no individual speaker qualified for finals.

## Prospective Frosh Take Exam Prep Accepts Co-Op Testing

Elementary school students aspiring higher education in Catholic high schools took the Cooperative Entrance Test, a standard test of student abilities, Saturday, February 6. The use of the exam has increased so much in the last year that St. John's accepted it this year as a basis for admission, eliminating the need of a special Prep test.

The examination included both an aptitude and an achievement section. The achievement section measured the pupil's proficiency in the three fundamentals of arithmetic, reading and English. The exam, requiring two hours of work, is entirely objective and designed for electronic machine scoring.



Altar Boys Joe Scozzari, Tom Clougher and Dan Gribbin stop at Station.

## Fr. Young Leads Retreatants In Prayer And Self Meditation

The Rev. Vincent Young, C.M., supervised the annual retreat for the student body of St. John's Prep during the week of January 26-30. Because of the great size of the enrollment, two retreats were held.

The 650 freshmen began their retreat Monday, January 26 and concluded Wednesday, January 28. The upper-classmen had their retreat the last three days of the week, overlapping with the frosh on Wednesday.

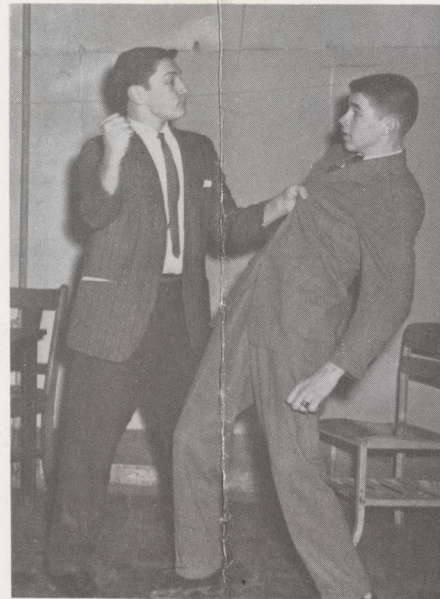
The cycle of the day included Mass and a conference in church, followed by rosary and spiritual reading in the classrooms. After a second conference in church, the students ate lunch in the cafeterias, and returned to their classrooms for prayer and meditation. A third conference and benediction concluded the day. Confessions were heard daily during and after religious exercises.

## McGrath Qualifies In Scholarship Contest

On January 16, Joseph McGrath, a senior, competed in the county finals of the Twenty-Second Annual American Legion Oratorical Contest at the Floyd Bennett Post in Flatbush.

McGrath, who qualified on this occasion, is competing for a \$4000 College Scholarship offered by the organization.

The next round of the competition, at the Bay Ridge Post, will take place February 20.



Left: Frank Lupo takes aim at Gerry McFeely. Right: Sal Anzalone protects Lupo from draft officer, Bob Buxton.

## Prep Thespians Prepare To Stage Rollicking "No Time For Sergeants"

In contrast with last year's dramatic production of the "Caine Mutiny Court Martial", this year's "No Time For Sergeants" is a roaring comedy and a complete satire on the Air Force. The Prep performers will stage this farce in a three night stand, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, February 26-28.

The plot of the comedy involves a leading character, Will Stockdale, described as "a big country boy from down Georgia way." Frank Lupo takes the leading role, presenting a performance difficult to match. Will is drafted into the Air Force and put under the command of an ignominious Sergeant King, played by Bob Buxton.

When Will meets Ben Whitlege (Joseph Marchese), pandemonium breaks loose. From that point on, things are never quite the same for the "Old Sarge". Unfortunately, since the sergeant is responsible for his men, Sergeant King becomes the scape goat for Will and Ben's Armed Forces shenanigans.

Other characters are the lion-hearted General Bush, played by Larry Prendergast, and the equally lion-hearted General Pollard, portrayed by Bob Tadler. Artie Griffin acts as the neurotic psychiatrist and Jim Kivlehan plays the home-grown hotshot, Irvin Blanchard.

## Frs. Donovan, Pearce Co-Produce Comedy

In charge of production of this year's "No Time For Sergeants" are the Rev. Daniel Donovan, C.M., and the Rev. John Pearce, C.M. Their job is no easy one; they are personally responsible for all activities concerned with the performance, rehearsals, acting and casting. Jerry Silechia heads the wardrobe department; Van Horn Co. of Philadelphia supplied the costumes.

Salvatore Anzalone holds two jobs, that of properties manager and assistant director. His boss, the director, is Father Donovan. Robert Tadler is responsible for publicity of the play. Bob claims that the play has 15 scenes, most of which take place in the base barracks.

The two exceptions to the one set are outstanding props, a parachute and an airplane, constructed by Bill Trust and his assistants from available materials.

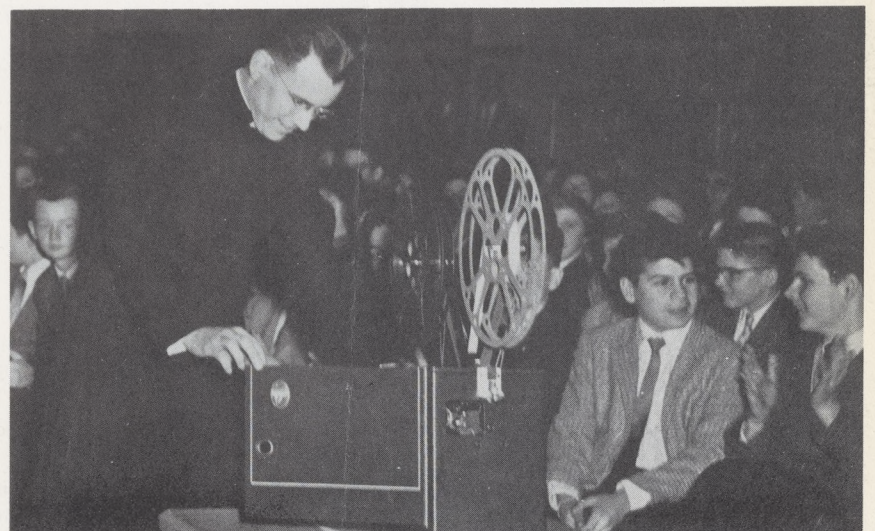
## Vocation Week Climaxes With Mass, Communion, Assembly

Vocation Week is a special time during the scholastic year when each Prepster devotes most of his time to prayers for vocations. If he feels that he himself does not have a calling to the religious, he is asked to pray for courage and enlightenment for those who feel they have been chosen by God to serve Him. This year, the week of January 12-16 was set aside especially for this purpose.

Each student wrote a composition on some phase of the Vincentian Community. A board of judges selected four compositions from the freshman class, and one each from the other classes. The winners delivered their speeches at the Vocation Assembly, Friday afternoon.

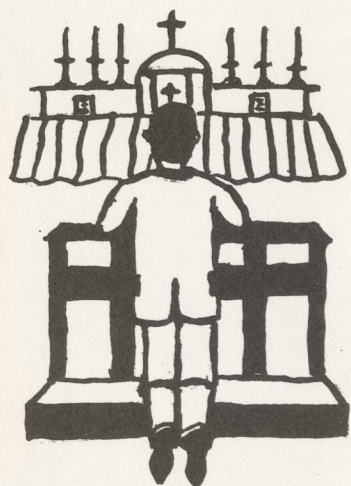
The Rev. Thomas Clancy, director of vocations for the diocese of Brooklyn, visited the Prep Tuesday, November 13, lectured briefly on vocations, and showed a new film on the activities of a diocesan priest.

A Solemn High Mass and general Communion climaxed the week. The Very Rev. Sylvester Taggart, C.M., Eastern Provincial for the Vincentian Fathers, celebrated the Mass. The Rev. John Nelson, C.M., Headmaster and the Rev. Thomas Concagh, C.M., Spiritual Director, assisted as deacon and subdeacon respectively.



Father Clancy adjusts movie projector prior to showing film.





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## Sounding Board:

## Forty Days Of Sacrifice

by Vic Agusta

Each year, as we approach Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, there are many people with various suggestions concerning the preparation for the Resurrection of Our Lord. These suggestions may vary in accidentals, but, basically, they entail one common denominator, sacrifice. Sacrifice is always the means of worshipping God, whether during Lent or any other time of the year. Therefore, sacrifice should be nothing new to us, although for many it unfortunately is.

To many of us, the meaning of sacrifice leaves us in a hazy and unclear state of mind. Sacrifice means to do something for God because he is God, our Maker. When, for fear of punishment, we do some act of worship, we, in a way, insult God by acknowledging only one of His many attributes to the exclusion of all of the others. Is it a sacrifice to attend Mass on Sunday or abstain from meat on Friday? Actually not, because we know that the omission of these acts could earn for us the everlasting fires of hell. On the other hand, to receive Communion or to go to Mass during the week is a sacrifice for the reason that no punishment hovers over our heads if these acts are not done.

Now we know what is sacrifice and what is not. How is this fact connected with Lent? Most of us know, because we have heard it all our lives, that Lent is the season of sacrifice. Why is this so? During Lent ordinary acts of worship which a good Catholic must perform will not suffice. We must do things which we don't do during the other times of the year. The best acts are that of attending daily the sacrifice of the Mass and, if it is at all possible, receiving Holy Communion. Anything else might be good, might even be more difficult to perform, but their merits will never come close to comparing with the merits gained at even one Mass and Communion.

As we look at the means which will gain us heaven, we realize that one of the fundamental principles of life is completely destroyed. This principle, the principle of causality, states that every cause must have a proportional effect. This holds true for everything that occurs except one, the salvation of our souls. By some acts of sacrifice which are not very difficult to do, we can earn for ourselves the everlasting happiness and joy of heaven.

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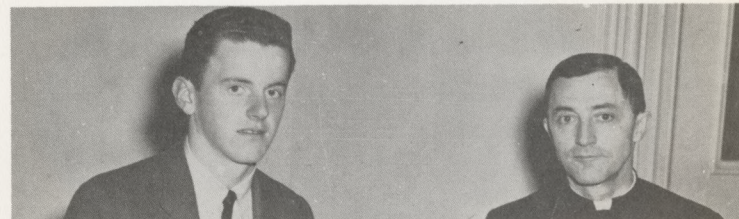
## Very Rev. Sylvester Taggart, C.M.

by Artie Griffin

I arrived at St. John's Rectory at approximately 10 o'clock. The Very Rev. Sylvester Taggart, C.M., entered the reception room very soon after my arrival. The minute he came into the room, I felt suddenly at home. That is the way with Father Taggart. He has that certain way about him that makes anyone feel at ease.

It was truly a great privilege to interview a man like Father Taggart. My purpose in this interview was to bring to light the feelings of a prominent past member of the Prep. Father Taggart certainly lived up to all my expectations of him.

Sylvester Taggart, as a boy, lived in St. John's Parish and attended St. John's Parochial School. Upon graduation he entered St. John's Prep. After six months, he decided to enter the Vincentian Minor Seminary at Princeton, N. J. When asked what had influenced him toward the priestly life, Father Taggart said, "The unswerving loyalty and the extreme love that the Vincentian Priests demonstrated to God was the principle factor that led the way."



Artie Griffin interviews Fr. Taggart

In answer to the question of how St. John's Prep has contributed to the Vincentian Community, Father Taggart said that the "Prep has contributed immeasurably to the Vincentian Community and the world in general. Primarily, the Prep has supplied many vocations to the Community. However, it has also raised the standards of the Catholic career man through better mental and spiritual education, and thus spread the Vincentian message throughout the world."

At the close of the interview, Father Taggart gave some advice to anyone who might be interested in the priesthood. He said, "The only way for one to realize that God is calling him is through daily prayer and frequent reception of the Sacraments. He must also engage in frequent consultation with his Confessor and close contact with the Priests, especially for guidance."

## The Medal

by Joseph McGrath

The following composition won first place in the senior division of the Vocation week contest.

The year is 1830. November 27 is a typically clear but cold day. The rolling French countryside surrounding the Sisters of Charity novitiate shows the result of a long cold spell. All is barren, bleak, lifeless.

Inside the walls of the novitiate, however, the scene is very different. The future women of God are happily carrying out their assigned duties. Every duty they perform, every pleasure they enjoy is magnified in spiritual greatness by a deep-rooted love of their Creator.

Apart from the myriad activities of this busy communal, a young novice, named Catherine, is about to seek the quiet solemnity of the chapel. She enters silently, genuflects reverently, and enters the crude bench. The young girl kneels with eyes closed, thanking God for his many gifts.

And in all truth, Catherine did have a great deal to be thankful for. Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, had chosen this simple French girl, trained all her life for farmwork, to be the recipient of one of His greatest gifts. This was to be Our Lady's third visit to the girl who was to become St. Catherine Laboure.

As she kneels in the majestic silence of this holy place, Catherine hears the unmistakable sound of swirling silk. The young girl looks up with a start and beholds a vision of Mary, more beautiful than anything that she has ever seen. The room is literally filled with a dazzling glow. From Mary's outstretched hands comes rays of light more luminous than the sun. Her clothes sparkle as if covered with precious stones. But even more beautiful than her appearance is Mary's purpose. For it was on this occasion that Mary Immaculate gave to the world what we now know as the Miraculous Medal.

Since this Medal was given to a member of the Sisterhood of St. Vincent de Paul, it is only fitting that the Vincentians should wish to spread devotion to it. This task they have admirably undertaken by making the Miraculous Medal Novena one of their most important works. The present day popularity of this devotion is due primarily to its promotion by the members of the Congregation of the Missions. Thanks to the interest of Pope Pius X, the Medal and Novena afford great spiritual value.

The Medal and its symbolism manifest their true beauty in the same quality as Catherine, simplicity. The picture of Mary, standing on a globe and crushing the head of Satan, has brought hope to the millions who have devotion to her through this truly Miraculous Medal.

And so, in this age of irreligion and revolt against the will of God, the Order of St. Vincent de Paul has nurtured and developed a force which brings glory to them and devotion to Mary.

May this, as well as all the works of the Vincentians, flourish under the banner; "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

## Pep O' Prep

by Bob, Kive, and Hennessy

Yakety Yak, Blah, Blah, Blah!

We would like to know what would happen . . .

If Joe McGrath gets laryngitis?

If we ran out on Father Green?

If Mr. MacNamara lost a chess game?

If Mike Doyle went to Vic Tanny's?

We have a letter from the N.A.D.E.L., National Association for the Degration of the English Language, telling us that Justin Peters is the new "Prose Laureate of Brooklyn".

Is it true that . . .

1) Mr. Waters better known as Darryl F. has been offered a job as a camera man by M.G.M?

2) Some seniors still have their gym suit from freshman year?

3) John Furey wants to get his girl's name in this issue? NO JOHN!

4) Mr. Reed wants to meet Zacherley?

5) Father Donovan has pledged allegiance to the Northern States.

(Upon entering the Prep building one of our cohorts noticed a "For Sale Sign". It seems that you-known-who is trying to sell a used Confederate flag.)

It's a fact that . . .

1) There are only three students taking 3rd year German.

2) No one flunked Solid Geometry.

Since there are many sane drivers in the Prep, we have an admonition for them. Don't peel out from traffic lights because it may be your dust that you're leaving the guy next to you in".

Some joker took our closing words in the last issue too seriously and blew up his house.

From the poet's corner comes a bit of choice bit of poetry, from BB (Bob Buxton).

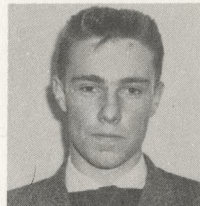
The teenager says in a tone of distress Parents don't understand his position.

It seems that the key to social success is the one that fits the ignition.

## Senior Spotlight

by Artie Griffin

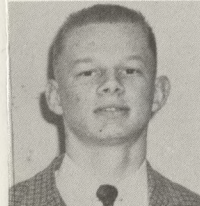
Richie Schneider came to St. John's in January, 1956. Since that time he has been associated with the sports world, both here and at his home parish of St. Matthias, Ridgewood, where he plays C.Y.O. basketball.



Throughout four years, Richie has been a prominent member of the Prep swimming team. He has proved himself so outstanding, in fact, that this year Coach Waters appointed him captain of the team. Richie has also participated in J.V. football and other activities such as the French and Physics Clubs.

Richie this year has blossomed into one of the high scoring aces for Mr. Waters. At his 100 and 50 yard freestyle spots, he looms as a constant threat to competition.

Hank Kettlehodt hails to St. John's from St. Anselm's parish in Brooklyn. We are certainly indebted to St. Anselm's for providing the Prep with a fine athlete.



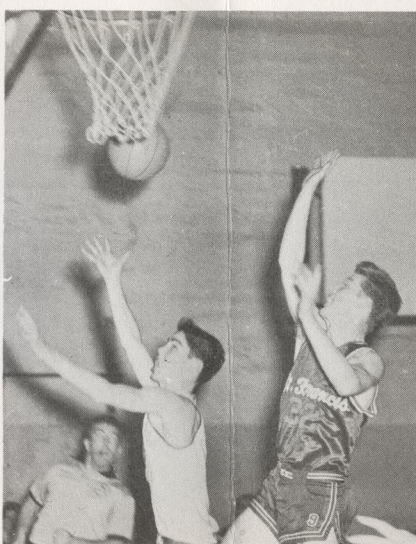
When Hank came to St. John's in 1955, he was just another freshman. However, during his four years at the Prep, he has acquired a reputation that distinguishes him from other students. This outstanding quality is one of athletic ability. Hank is presently serving the Prep by acting as captain of the basketball team. Since the start of the season, Hank has been scoring left and right.

Another field in which Hank excels is that of baseball. Mr. Hess is confident that he will be a big gun on this year's squad.





Above: Tiger blocks shot by Majoy in Prep Gym. Right: Hegarty lays one up.



## Redmen Lose To St. Mike's, Lions; Romp St. Augustine Lancers 63-48

by Doug Mellett

With the basketball season in full swing, we find the Prep five with a rather disappointing 1-6 record. This is due to a definite lack of height and experience shown by a team composed mainly of juniors and sophomores.

The Redmen opened the season December 12, against a highly touted five from St. Michael's of Bay Ridge. The Johnnies got off to a flying start and led at the first period 11-10. The second stanza was well played and ended in a 24-24 stalemate.

However, with the opening of the second half, the superior height and depth of the opposition began to take effect, and they immediately built up a 14 point lead. Throughout the remainder of the game, the Injuns fought desperately to pull the game out, but expert foul shooting by St. Michael's gave them a 70-60 victory. Dassori and Anton led St. Mike's with 28 and 18, respectively; but Hank Kettlehodt led all scorers with 29.

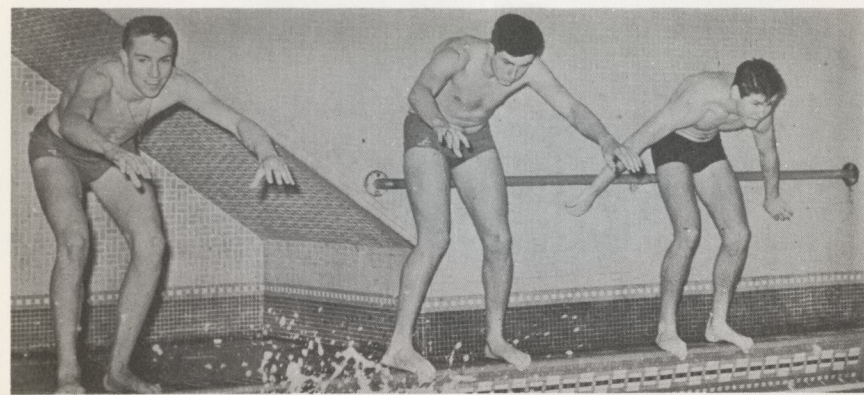
The Johnnies traveled, December 16, to the den of the Loughlin Lions. They were met by unkind hosts, who defeated them by the tune of 64-43. Bill O'Sullivan led the Lions with 24, and Neil Brogan followed with 13 points and 15 rebounds. Kettlehodt's 18 markers were wasted as the Lions superior teamwork completely overshadowed the young Injuns.

St. Augustine gave the Redmen their first victory of the year, Friday, January 16, at Manual Training High School, Brooklyn. Playing as a well organized team for the first time this season, the Injuns completely outclassed their opponents. With Kettlehodt hitting for 18 and John Laurine and Bud Knittle 12 apiece, the Redmen really handed the Lancers a sound thrashing.

## Frosh Take Eight; May Cop Playoffs

The Frosh, under the direction of Coach Brady, lost their first game at Xaverian in overtime December 12th. They then beat St. Leonard's on the 17th and De La Salle on the 19th. They ended the month with a loss to Loughlin on the 23rd.

Starting January, the Little Redmen took the next five contests. They won at Molloy the 7th, beat St. Francis the 10th, St. Augustine's the 13th, McClancy the 17th, and Trinity the 22nd. They lost to De La Salle on the 23rd and beat St. Leonard's on the 29th. Led by John Brady, Ron Williams, Walt Witzel, Larry Ludwig, and Dick Grampietro, they're tied for second place with an 8 and 3 win-loss record.



L. to R.: Farley, Molloy and Schneider prepare for dive in swimming practice.

## Seniors Lead Mermen In Wins As Valcich, Schneider Score

As the season progresses, the mermen show promises of a winning campaign. So far the Redmen are third in the league. They have lost to St. Francis and Loughlin, but have defeated St. Augustine, Trinity and Regis.

The big event in the still undecided Brooklyn Prep meet was Schneider's capturing of the 100 yard freestyle event. In other meets, big Roy Valcich, in the St. Augustine meet, outclassed his opponent in the 100 yard freestyle. Dependable Steve Roethke, boldly downed the Regis backstroke. In a non-league meet against Uniondale High, the Prep's medley relay consisting of Roethke, Violini, Magliolo and Scheider sank their

competitors, showing them no mercy.

One of our big guns this year, James Molloy, has been taking first place honors in the 150 yard individual and 200 yard freestyle. The Brooklyn Prep meet, still undecided, hinges on Tom Farley's copping the fancy dive event. Our side line men, who took the important second's and third's in this meet are Kilpatrick, Cannava, and Brown.

## Papooses Top Flyers, Tigers Post Winning 4 And 3 Record

Because of the poor showing of the Varsity this year the hopes of many preppers have been placed upon the J.V. team. The Junior Varsity, after losing a 54-35 battle to Xaverian in the opener, improved greatly and now has a winning percentage, with a 4-3 record.

Against Loughlin, in the second league encounter, the Johnnies fared slightly better; upsetting a confident Lion team 58-50, with Pete Majoy (now on the varsity team) scoring high for the Little Redmen. The St. Francis Terriers enacted a close win, 54-42, over the Redmen by surging ahead in the last few minutes of this nip and tuck affair. The team showed some improvement in passing and shooting in the Xaverian game as Kev Peters bombed for 16 points, and Jim Puma provided the passing.

The starting five for the upcoming Chaminade game was changed to include the height of the Juniors. The starting team was then Frank Becker, Frank Howell, Jim Puma, Mike Mannix, and Kevin Peters. This change seemed to help, for the Redmen posted their second at Mineola by ripping the Flyers 40-28.

A powerful Molloy team crushed the papooses on Friday, January 9th by a 66-52 score. This loss was balanced, however, by victories over Trinity, 52-28, and the St. Augustine Lancers, 40-33.

## CAVALCADE

by Doug Mellett

At Chaminade, Tuesday, December 30.

During the Christmas vacation the Injuns journeyed to Mineola for their first night encounter of the season against the Chaminade Flyers. Arbogast led Chaminade to victory with 21 points as the Redmen were outclassed 63-48. Kettlehodt led the Redmen with 18 points.

Molloy, Friday, January 19.

The on-charging Stanners from Molloy lifted their unbeaten record to 47 by defeating the Redmen 64-43. The Redmen kept pace and trailed by seven at intermission. However, during the second half, Molloy led by Burks and Capo with 27 and 11 points respectively, kept their win streak intact.

Trinity, Tuesday, January 13.

The Trinity Tigers led by O'Connell, who scored 22 points, romped the Redmen 61-41. Once again Kettlehodt led St. John's with 26 points.



L. to R.: Connellie, Howell, McMahon, Brown, Kneel pose with trophy.

## Harriers Win Novice Trophy; Lang Takes 2nd In 1000 Yard

At the 102nd Engineers Armory, January 10, St. John's track team came through with flying colors. Mr. Harry Howell was proud of the members of his novice team who won the trophy in the Novice and Freshmen Championship Track Meet.

The outstanding performance of the day was Tommy Howell's 2:08.5 sec. half mile run, taking a first in this event. In the Novice mile, "Skippy" Knell ran a 4:50 sec. mile, earning a second place medal for himself and four points for St. John's. Pete Connellie took a first in the quarter mile with a .56.0 sec. time. Frank Palermo took a third in the Novice High Hurdles, and Dennis McMahon also placed third in the Novice Shotput.

Outstanding on the Freshman team was Jim O'Reilly's 4:55.6 sec. time for the mile run. He missed the meet record by five-tenths of a second. In the open division Joe Lang placed second in the thousand yard run with a 2:22 sec. time.

St. John's two mile relay qualified for the Senior Meet. Bill Finn started with a 2:03.9 sec. half mile; second was Bob Kazalski with a 2:05.7; third, Kevin Kelly with 2:03.6; finishing, Joe Lang with 2:00.6; making the team total 8 minutes 13.8 seconds.

At the Cardinal Hayes games, held at the 102 Engineers Armory, January 17, St. John's two-mile relay team made a fine showing in placing fourth. With the absence of Bill Finn, the team hit 8:15 total, with Joe Lang's outstanding 1 minute 58 second half mile.

### Coach Views:

## Defensive Basketball

by Herb Hess

I have been asked to write something about "Defense" in basketball. With a team winning only one game, I should write about the Nautilus' trip under the North Pole ice and to satisfy a lot of minds, be on it, too.

However, to live up to my 'contract' with the Red Owl, here are some views on this particular phase of basketball. There is an old saying relative to this: 'A good offense is the best defense'. (This is actually our trouble — lack of a strong offense) With the advent of the free-style shooting game, one handers, etc., defense has taken a back seat almost entirely. These shots are practically impossible to stop so the game today has developed into a shooting contest with little or no regard for so called science and 'smart' team play. It is strictly an individual deal. Players throw the ball at or around the basket with reckless abandon and, needless to say, amazing accuracy. Hence the constant high scoring games set up mainly for spectator interest.

Once in a while, a team comes up with an individual who has all the qualifications and desire of an old fashioned 'standing guard'. The coach will 'put' this man on the opposition's scoring ace with the hope that he will be able to contain this man — holding him to a minimum score. If this can be done, then his team may have a chance of winning. However, the big danger in these times is that every one on a strong team usually scores well in the double figures. Hence, your only answer is to have men that can score equally as well. That seems to be your chance of winning or coming close to a victory.

Another point that may have influenced this loose shooting is the fact that different defenses have been arranged whereby it is next to impossible to get close to the basket, alone or via team play. Collapsing zones, sloughing-off, clogging the middle, to name a few, have forced the players to shoot from the outside. The resultant accuracy lessens the worry about rebounds and it means matching basket for basket while the game clock slowly ticks the seconds away. If you are ahead at the whistle, you win.

Our trouble is that we cannot score enough, even to stay close.



## Junior Class Sponsors Dance; Swings To Lou Bacotti's Band

The junior dance, a desire in the mind of every junior, became a realization, January 23. Approximately 105 couples danced to the music and rhythm of Lou Bacotti and his Versatiles. The band supplied the participants with a wide variety of dancing music, including the ever-popular Cha Chas, Lindys, and Fox Trots.

## Parents, Instructors Discuss Failures

The third parents' forum of the year took place Thursday evening, February 5, between 6:30 and 9:00. Because of the large student body, both the Willoughby and Lewis Ave. buildings were occupied; the former for the freshman, and the latter for the sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Rev. John T. Nelson, C.M., headmaster, announced that there would be no speaker and that the forum was unique in light of past forums.

In contrast with the other forums held at the Prep not all the parents were invited to attend. Only the parents of those students who failed one or more subjects or those whose marks were not up to par had to come to the interview.

Such parents were notified by letters, given to the students by the instructors.

## Crusaders Collect Used Cards, Stamps

The Crusaders of St. John's Prep have been collecting old Christmas cards from the Prepsters for the last three weeks to send to various orphanages, prisons, and hospitals to help supply the material for them for decorations and articles used by the handicapped as cutting out exercises for rehabilitation.

Edward McVeigh and Richard Hutter, who are in charge of collecting and distributing these cards, have forwarded three boxes of approximately 4,000 cards to California and India. The collection will continue to the last week in February.

With this task already in full swing the Crusaders are also collecting stamps which they hope the student body will give generously. Both the cards and stamps may be left at the counter in the guidance office of the Lewis Ave. building.

The Crusaders, under the moderation of the Rev. John Pearce, C.M., have been sending donations to many missionaries all over the world to help fight Communism and to aid the needy while helping to convert others to the Church.

The Poster Service Squad added a final touch to the auditorium with a large mural depicting the prospective senior ring, which put everybody into the right spirit. The hop began at 8:30 P.M. and ended with the jubilant singing of the school song. This particular junior dance commemorates three years of petition that has finally accomplished the present goal. The proposal of the dance became acceptable with the realization of the fact that presently the junior classes number 450, thereby inspiring a good attendance.

Credit for the promulgation of the junior dance goes to the Student Council Representatives, who with the aid and assistance of the Rev. William J. Finn, C.M., brought about the entire dance.

Having fulfilled the requirements, they obtained the necessary number in ample time to make preparations. They filled De Grey with their dates and enjoyed themselves the entire evening until 12:30 A.M., which marked the concluding hour. All through the dance the spirit of the juniors gleamed and the dance was successful.



Mr. Ansalone and Forum Club pose for picture during visit to F.B.I. Headquarters in New York.

## Forum Club Tours Dept. Of Justice, Meets J. Edgar Hoover's Assistant

by Gene Metzger

Giving students many possibilities of discussing problems of current importance, the Forum Club of St. John's Prep, enables its members to possess the significant current events knowledge associated with all of its projects. The Club, guided and moderated by Mr. Louis J. Ansalone, an expert on most phases of social studies, meets bi-weekly. A close relationship naturally exists between the Forum and a basic knowledge of social studies.

The fundamental function of the Forum Club is to train students in clear, critical thinking and in an analysis of current problems in the community, the nation, and even the world. This is accomplished by carefully interpreting current events and problems according to Christian principles and by reports on current topics.

One of the major activities of the Forum Club is to visit places ranking high in social interest and, then in close conjunction with these trips, to debate an important topic concerning the first hand information experienced.

One of the major highlights of this year's activities was the club's trip to the headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York City. Here the members of the Forum Club toured the building, seeing many of the phases that the future F.B.I. man must go through for his training. They also had the opportunity of a personal interview with Mr. John Foster, assistant to the well-known head of the F.B.I., Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Another trip conducted by Mr. Ansalone took in a visit to the Night Court in the Criminal Courts Building. Here the members had a chance to view many of the current cases. Mr. Ansalone, who is an attorney, later explained the process.

The Forum Club provides its members with not only interesting but also useful activities, essential for forming good leaders of tomorrow.

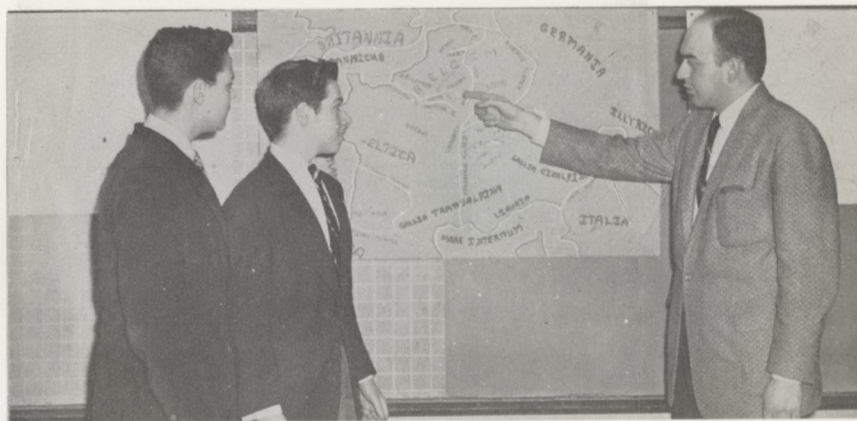
## Sophs Gain Knowledge Of Fine Arts, Music

Sophomore guidance classes, conducted by Mr. Thomas Reed, have, as their curriculum, Music and Art Appreciation. The new year started with the study of popular music and the makeup of symphonic orchestras. While studying the symphonic orchestra, Mr. Reed used the actual soundtrack from the movie, "The Vikings". By playing popular music in his classes, Mr. Reed was able to explain why this type of music is in demand.

Following this, Mr. Reed went into the various forms of orchestral music including concerts and sonatas. While studying orchestral music the students learned how to distinguish the various voice levels namely Bass, Soprano and Alto. The final portion of the term will be devoted to the study of interpretive and dramatic music as found in the Ballet and the Opera.

In addition to musical studies, Art Appreciation was introduced to the students in an effort to increase the possibilities of winning college scholarships. Mr. Louis Gehring furnished some drawings and paintings for exhibition.

Through this guidance course, students are gaining a greater knowledge of musical composition and artistic works.



Mr. Ferrara uses map during discussion in class.

## 2B Latin Students Construct Projects Dealing With Caesar

With the beginning of the new term, the 2B Latin students, under the instruction of Mr. Robert Ferrara, have begun to translate Caesar's "Gallic Wars". In connection with this work, Mr. Ferrara requested that the students construct projects dealing with the Gallic War and Caesar's rule over the Roman Empire. Those students who submitted projects would receive extra credit. The projects could vary from drawings to working models, as long as they dealt with the current class topic.

The purpose of the constructions was to acquaint the students with the Roman way of life. This field includes both the military and civil phases of Latin existence. Mr. Ferrara announced that he would accept projects which would make more real his explanations of Roman customs to his pupils.

Many of the projects submitted were maps of the Roman World and its boundaries during the time of Caesar.

Joseph Caiazzo, Joseph Marchese and John Podgursky each submitted maps showing Gaul, its surrounding provinces, its rivers and inhabitants. Mr. Ferrara has used these maps to point out to the students the places they are reading about in their translation of Caesar.

Nicholas Havrilak and Stanley Smykowski each turned in portraits of Julius Caesar as their projects.

Mr. Ferrara expects that many students will begin to construct another series of projects, the only difference being that this time the projects will be connected in some way with the weapons used by the Romans in time of war or else models or diagrams of a Roman army camp.

## Senior Favorites

by Jack Hennessy

The Red Owl now continues the Senior Poll, the first part of which was published last issue. This portion contains the senior favorites:

While listening to their FAVORITE ORCHESTRA, GLEN MILLER, of course, all of the seniors would like to dance with their FAVORITE ACTRESS, KIM NOVAK. Then they would watch their FAVORITE TV PROGRAM, MIKE HAMMER, on which JOHN WAYNE, their FAVORITE ACTOR, was making a guest appearance.

Then for something in a journalistic mood, most seniors would sit down and read their FAVORITE NEWSPAPER, the DAILY NEWS, while hoping to hear their FAVORITE SONG, LITTLE STAR, on their FAVORITE RADIO PROGRAM, PETER TRIPP.

For some excitement, the typical senior would jaunt up to Yankee Stadium to see their FAVORITE PRO-ATHLETE, MICKEY MANTLE, perform for their FAVORITE BALL TEAM, the YANKEES.

In a valiant effort to secure admission to their FAVORITE COLLEGE, ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, many seniors can be seen asking the REV. DANIEL DONOVAN, C.M., the FAVORITE PRIEST, and MR. ROBERT PRIOR, the FAVORITE LAY INSTRUCTOR, for recommendations.

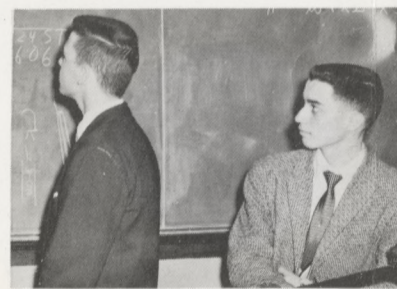
On the way to school most seniors read their FAVORITE MAGAZINE, LIFE, and when it comes time for book reports, they can always rely on their FAVORITE AUTHOR, EDGAR ALLEN POE, to supply them with the necessary accoutrements.

## Clubs 2:60

by John Devlin

For the members of the junior classes, who are interested in the opportunity of delving into the underlying facts of theories of physics, a club was organized which bears the name Physics Club.

This year this extra curricular activity, under the moderation of Mr. John Flynn, gives the members a chance to do research and experiments on different fields relating to the subject of Physics.



Mannix, Mango study board.

At each bi-weekly meeting an appointed group of two or three members has the responsibility to demonstrate its project and discuss the functions of it for the benefit for all the members. All students of this activity are encouraged to participate in at least one group product before the current term has terminated. One of the more recent projects concerned the transistor which both the members of the Radio Club and the members of the Physics Club demonstrated.

While Mr. Flynn moderates the club, John Yanovitch supervises as President, with the aid of his Vice President Michael Mannix and Secretary George Mango, over the activities and functions of the club. During the present semester the members of the club intend to publish a magazine relating to the various fields of physics. This magazine will probably be distributed to all third year Physics students by the termination of this semester.